

Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 14, 2019 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Songs of the Faith

a series of sermons about our favorite hymns

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prelude II

Gershwin

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning,

there was God.

When we wandered the wilderness,

God built a way for us.

When we lived in exile,

our homes were built by God.

When we are overwhelmed by life,

God unknots the tightness in our shoulders.

When we seek to serve faithfully,

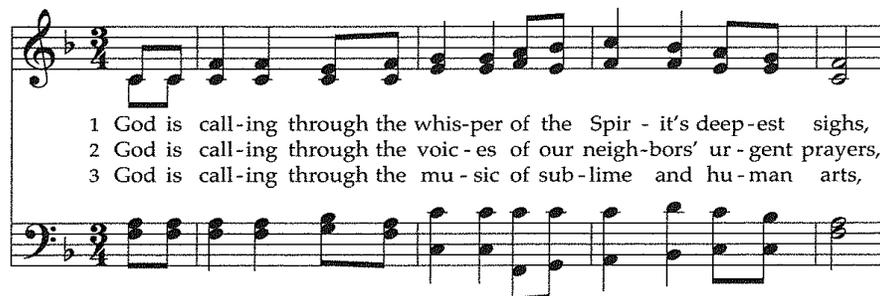
God provides the opportunities.

When tomorrow comes,

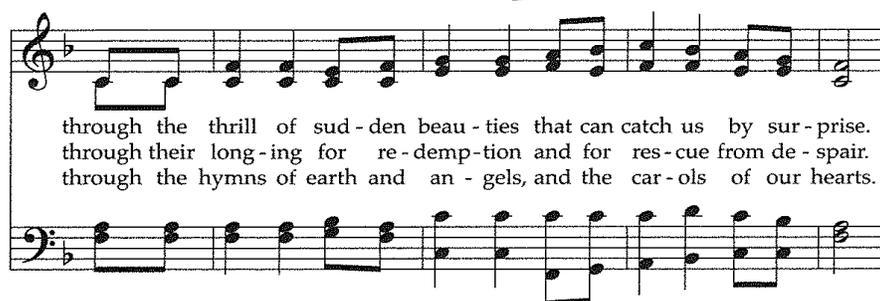
we find God awake and waiting for us.

* HYMN

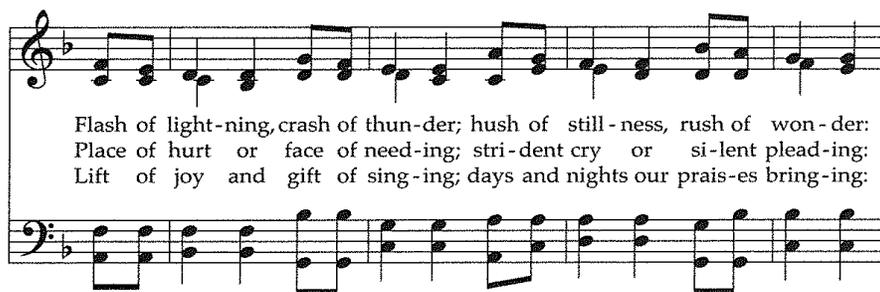
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



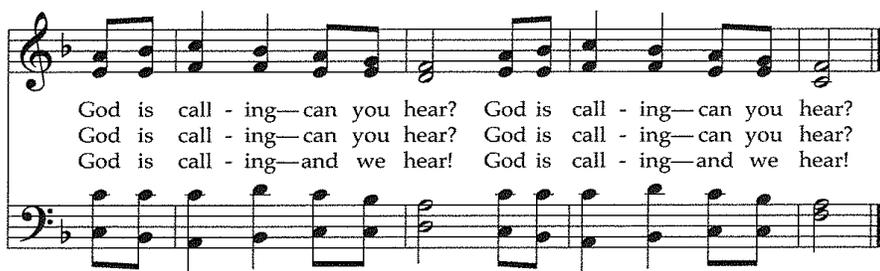
1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

God of promises, you offer us guidance, yet we grasp the hand of the world on our journey. You would nurture us with love and grace, and we feast on the empty calories of success and seduction. You call us to be your faithful people, and we are eager to follow the politicians, the promoters, the petty.

Forgive us, Covenant God. You have not forgotten your promises, nor will you break them. Rather, you come to us so we will know your love. You walk with us, so we will find the way. You redeem us, so we will trust your words which were fulfilled in Jesus. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE

447 We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written on three staves in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90
Isaiah 41:4b-10

MEDITATION

* HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo Op. 118 #2

Brahms

* SUNG RESPONSE

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE DEPART

* HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

* BENEDICTION

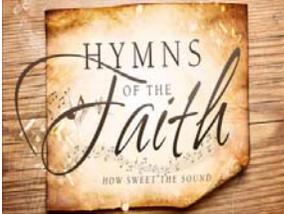
POSTLUDE

Slavonic Dance Op. 46 #8

Dvorak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS — Reverend Jackson is preaching on your favorite hymns; we will learn the story behind their authorship, sing them and learn about their theological content. Share your favorite hymns with him now. 6/16 Be Thou My Vision; 6/23 The Holy City; 7/7 Eternal Father Strong to Save; 7/14 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past; 7/21 Come Live in the Light ; 8/4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!; 8/11 His Eye Is on the Sparrow; 8/18 The Church in the Wildwood, 8/25 I Danced in the Morning.



PARKING — Please remember that on Sunday mornings the parking spots in the back lot are for members with mobility concerns.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL— It is that time of year again! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 17 for our annual Strawberry Social. Please consider donating your time and talents by volunteering to work at the event, bake a cake to share or bake a fancy cake for the raffle. Sign up to help through the church website or by following this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5dqmn7p>. Tickets for the event are \$5 and can be purchased through the church office.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — DONATION OF THE MONTH for July: Granola and Cereal Bars. Financial donations are always appreciated. The Little Food Pantry is changing lives. Thank you for your help!

CHANCEL FLOWERS — If you have garden flowers, please consider choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for our sanctuary. Contact the church office to make arrangements.

NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS —There are many new organic fair-trade items for sale outside of Dale's office (green, black and herbal tea, breakfast blend and French roast coffee, baking cocoa and hot cocoa and new chocolates). Proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

CARERS CORNER JULY — Back to School The RPC annual school supplies drive this July will focus on ELEMENTARY school children from our West Suburban communities. Baskets will be lined up in the office entrance hallway. Each will be labeled with the needed items. Community Support Services headquartered in Brookfield will distribute all donations. The CARERS Trunk will also be accepting non-perishable food items for our own RPC Little Food Pantry.

2020 CHURCH TRIP — Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Hoga Sofia in Istanbul? How about floating around in the Aegean Sea, stopping at Santorini, considered the most breathtaking of the Greek Isles, and several other islands? Or walking among the ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens?

You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation if you join us on our RPC trip to Greece & Churches of the Revelation. The trip is June 12-June 24, 2020.



ALL CHURCH WORK DAYS — RPC Trustees invite everyone to All Church Work Days —actually just 2 hours per month — to help maintain and enhance our church property. In good weather, we focus on the outdoors, and when the weather is cold or wet, we move inside. We welcome help for jobs like raking mulch (or leaves), weeding or watering, painting, changing lightbulbs and light fixtures. No advanced skills are needed. Upcoming dates and work plans are as follows:

Wednesday, August 14, 6-8 pm: Outdoor work.

Saturday, September 21, 9-11 am: Outdoor or indoor tasks.

NOTE FROM CARERS — CARERS is again asking for new Christmas cards to be used for the Companion Prison Ministry. If you have some to donate, please leave them by the CARERS' trunk.

SAVE THE DATE

July 17: Strawberry Social

July 21: Free Community Dinner

July 21-27: Youth Mission Trip

July 28: Youth Sunday & Recognition of graduating seniors

September 14: Oktoberfest

October 25: Trivia—Halloween Theme

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS — The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon and closed on Fridays. Marika Floros is staffing the office this summer.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP — We are in need of hosts for coffee fellowship. It is an easy task—lemonade and cookies work just fine in these hot summer months! All instructions are provided by the office. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's office.



GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS— Honor or memorialize a family or friend through the purchase of a hymnal. Order forms are a bulletin insert and available outside the office. See Lynda Nadkarni with any questions.

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN —

Have you been wondering how to help with the crisis at the border, especially as it impacts children? Susan Krehbiel from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided the following advice:

1. Do you want to send something? Do not send items such as soap or toothbrushes or the like. The facilities cannot receive these because of government procurement policies. Instead, send money to PDA which is working with organizations to help families at the border. They provide shelter when they are released, help with transportation, items for the bus, medical attention. <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/refugee-ministry/>

You can also send money to organizations supporting the “Know Your Rights” campaign that assists people to know their rights under the U.S. Constitution.

2. Do you want to affect legislation? Contact the office of your Representative or Senators to express your opinion on this issue. Organizations that monitor current legislation will be able to keep you abreast of any bills moving through the Congress.

3. Do you want to do something in Chicago? Many of the children, some of them still unaccompanied, end up in Chicago. There is an organization supported by our friends in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America called AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities; <https://www.elca.org/ampparo>). This organization provides one on one response to the children. You can also check with legal aid societies or the ACLU in the Chicago area about ways to be present in court when children and families must appear before a judge. This provides support to the families and children; it also helps judges to know that the community is paying attention to what happens.

THIS WEEK

Today

9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship Time

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

6:00 pm Strawberry Social

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Youth Mission Trip
Departure
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia
5:00 pm Free Community Dinner

**Rev. Jackson will be out of the office
7/22-7/25 due to the mission trip.**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Steven Marcus

Ushers: Dennis Cobb and Betsy Gardner

Flowers are from the garden of the Wynn-Jackson family.

Fellowship Time is hosted by Steven Marcus.

Trustees of the Month: Susan Deems-Dluhy & Doug Harvin

Thank you to Patrick Marzec and Gwendolyn Wolski for joining today’s Ministry of Music. They are juniors at Oak Park and River Forest High School and members of the Youth Group of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	
	Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session	

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	
Brad Staubus		

Mission Statement

We gather as a church to:
Celebrate God’s presence,
Nurture the Spiritual Life,
Carry the light of Christ into the world,
Serve God by serving others.

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